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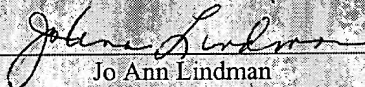
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Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated August 30, 2002, please consider the remarks that follow.

Remarks

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated August 30, 2002. Claims 49-100 remain pending in this application.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the series of interviews and discussions of the pending claims in this Application. During these interviews, the rejections of the present independent claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by *Sirhan et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,743,875) were discussed. At the completion of these discussions, it was agreed that *Sirhan et*